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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [A method of treatment of] Use of non-corrosive hard particle abrasion to
treat a rolling element bearing component₁ [by hard particle abrasion of the component] the hard
particle abrasion including the steps of:
immersing the bearing component in a receptacle containing hard particles; and
agitating the bearing component and/or hard particles to produce relative movement
therebetween and to improve the surface topography of the component.

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